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Mayor Healy & Commerce Division Announce Improvements to Journal Square Taxi Stand

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy** and the **Division of Commerce** announced today that the administration is recommending to the City Council that the taxi stand at Journal Square be open to additional taxis during evening hours during a two and half month trial period.

“Due to the approaching winter weather and frequent long lines at the Journal Square taxi stand, we are recommending to the City Council to open the stand to additional drivers at specified times,” said **Mayor Healy**. “Journal Square is a hub for transportation and as such requires adequate taxi service for our commuters, families and senior citizens.”

The proposal before the City Council is to allow the stand to be open to additional taxis during the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight from Dec. 14th, 2011 through Feb. 28, 2012. Changing the taxi stand from closed to open will increase the number of taxi cabs available to serve the public. Presently the Journal Square taxi stand is a closed stand with 36 taxi cabs assigned to this location.

A designated taxi Stand (closed) is for the exclusive use of those taxicabs specifically assigned to such stand. An open stand is a stand which is not reserved for the exclusive use of a specific taxi cab but authorized for use by any taxicab licensed by the City of Jersey City.

“We are hopeful that this temporary measure will address the long lines and increased wait times at Journal Square during the evening hours,” said **Mayor Healy**. “We will continue to seek additional ways to improve the taxi cab service for our residents and visitors.”

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